Remarks

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office Action. Claims 1-5, and 7-17 were examined. Claims 1-5, 7-12 are allowed. Claims 13-17 stand rejected. Claims 13-17 are canceled. No claims are amended. No new claims have been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the examiner allowing claims 1-5, 7-12. Claims 13-17 are canceled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. It is noted that Applicant makes no admission by canceling these claims that the examiner's rejections are supported by the cited references. Applicant reserves the right to present these claims again in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the currently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter.